

5. (Amended) The air filter as claimed in Claim 1,  
wherein:

said second filter layer has a downstream end, which is  
exposed.

6. (Amended) The air filter as claimed in Claim 2,  
wherein:

*A1*  
said second filter layer is subjected to an oil-repellent  
treatment and then said first filter layer and said second  
filter layer are combined integrally with each other.

7. (Amended) The air filter as claimed in Claim 2, wherein:  
said first filter layer and second filter layer are combined  
integrally each other; and then,

said second filter layer is subjected to an oil-repellent  
treatment and said first filter layer is impregnated with oil.--

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Please add the following claims:

--8. (New) The air filter as claimed in Claim 2, further  
comprising an additional layer.

*A2*  
9. (New) The air filter as claimed in Claim 3, wherein:  
said first filter layer has a pore size of from 70 mm to 120 mm  
and said second filter layer has a pore size of from 100 mm to  
180 mm.